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Good morning,

I wanted to provide you with this brief update on what we currently have planned in Eureka. Following soil sampling and public outreach activities, NDEP and EPA have recently developed a plan for offering cleanup this year at residential properties with the highest concentrations of lead and arsenic and providing ongoing blood lead level testing.

Cleanup Actions Proposed This Year

This week, NDEP and EPA will be sending joint letters to property owners of 19 residential properties in the Town of Eureka with the highest soil concentrations of lead and arsenic. To reduce potential exposure to lead and arsenic, NDEP and EPA are offering to cleanup these properties in September and October this year if we receive written permission from the property owners. The cleanup is being offered on a voluntary basis and at no cost to the property owners. We are offering to meet with these property owners and tenants within the next few weeks to explain potential risks associated with lead and arsenic exposure and describe options for how the cleanup would work. NDEP will take the lead on outreach to the community and coordinate with EPA on performing this work, which is proposed to be completed using EPA emergency response funding and EPA contractors. We are coordinating with Eureka County Public Works to review proposed locations for excavated contaminated soil and borrow material.

Please find attached to this e-mail a file containing the following joint NDEP/EPA documents that describe these planned steps in more detail:

1. Plan outline for cleanup work proposed this year.
2. Introductory letter on proposed cleanup to owners of the 19 residential properties with the highest soil concentrations of lead and arsenic; and
3. Letter notifying property owners whose property was tested in May of the results from May the 2013 sampling event;

Blood Lead Level Testing

With existing grant funding from EPA, NDEP is entering into a contract with Nevada Health Centers, Inc. (<http://nevadahealthcenters.org/>) to provide free blood lead level testing to residents starting in August 2013. Existing funding will provide for purchase of a portable blood level analyzer and 240 blood lead level test strips. NDEP will be in contact with Eureka School District and other local organizations on outreach to parents of children (especially those 6 and under) to inform them of this opportunity.

Continued Coordination with Eureka County

NDEP and EPA are scheduling follow up joint meetings with Eureka County officials in September and again after any cleanup performed this year is completed. NDEP will continue to brief Eureka County officials on upcoming proposed actions and offer to brief at Eureka County Board of Commissioners meetings as requested. As we complete this phase of work, it is important to NDEP and EPA that we continue to work closely with Eureka County.

Background Information

Additional information, including the following can be found on our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bca/eureka/index.htm>:

- agency presentations at the July and October 2012 public meetings;
- EPA's March 2013 report of the October 2012 sampling event; and
- mailers sent to residents in April 2013.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Best Regards,

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